

# **CALIFORNIA FIRE WEATHER ANNUAL OPERATING PLAN**

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CAL FIRE is signatory by proxy through the California Wildfire Coordinating Group (CWCG) to the California Fire Weather Annual Operating Plan (AOP). The CAL FIRE Fire Environment Program Manager shall provide input to the development of this plan. The AOP constitutes an agreement between the CWCG (comprised of State, local government and Federal land management agencies charged with the protection of life, property and resources within the State of California from threat of wildfire) and the National Weather Service (NWS) (charged with providing weather forecasts to the nation for the protection of life and property).

The AOP provides specific procedural and policy information regarding the delivery of meteorological services to the fire management community in California. The NWS and CWCG work closely in all phases of the fire weather forecast and warning program to resolve concerns and avoid potential inconsistencies in products and services prior to delivery to fire agency customers.

Fire protection within California is made efficient by the statewide exchange among Federal, State, and local agencies of their responsibilities for the protection of certain lands. Non-federal wildland fire management agencies are, by agreement, protecting Federal lands, and therefore, require NWS fire weather forecasts and warnings. It is essential that all fire protection agencies receive coordinated fire weather and fire danger products and services.

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